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## Probe Clears CIA Of Contact With 2 Aiding Qaddafi

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The chairman of the House Intelligence Committee said yesterday that investigations had turned up no evidence of official contact between the CIA and two former agents who went to work for Libya's Col. Muammar Qaddafi.

However, committee Chairman Edward Boland (D-Mass.) said CIA employees who later worked for a firm associated with one of the fugitive ex-agents, Edwin Wilson, likely had contact with both Wilson and Frank Terpil while still at the agency.

Boland referred to Theodore Shackley, former deputy director of clandestine operations, and Thomas Clines, former director of training in the clandestine services.

Clines, after leaving the CIA in 1978, established a petroleum equipment business, with help from Wilson. Shackley went to work for Clines when he retired in 1979.

Boland spoke with reporters after a three-hour closed committee hearing attended by CIA Director William J. Casey, Deputy Director Bobby R. Inman, CIA inspector general Charles Briggs and CIA general counsel Stanley Sporkin.

During the hearing, the first in a series focusing on the activities of Wilson and Terpil, the CIA officials denied that the agency had sanctioned any contacts with the two or any involvement in the recruitment of former U.S. Army Special Forces troops to train terrorists in Libya.

Boland said he told the CIA officials the committee has "a very deep concern" about possible ramifications of the work Wilson and Terpil have done for Qaddafi.

Wilson, last reported living in Libya, and Terpil, said to be in Lebanon, were indicted in 1980 on charges of illegally shipping explosives and arms to Libya after they left the agency in 1976.

Two lower-level employees were fired for cooperating with them while still with the CIA.

Boland quoted Casey as saying in his opening statement that the CIA's ongoing investigation came to the "tentative conclusion" there was no official agency involvement in any of the the Libyan activities, no official contact with Wilson and Terpil after their indictment and no involvement in the recruitment of Green Berets to train terrorists for Qaddafi.

